

# *Sharing Our Hearts and Hands with Our Parish*



***HOLY CHILD ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH***

***\*STEWARDSHIP\****  
***ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018***

*Parish Annual Meeting*  
*Sunday, March 3, 2019 12:30 pm*  
*Refreshments in the Balzer Room*  
*Everyone Welcome*

**Holy Child Parish Annual General Meeting  
Sunday, March 3, 2019**

**Mission Statement - We, the people of Holy Child Parish, are a community of Baptized Catholics living in the eastern sector of Regina. We believe we are called to build the Kingdom of God through worship, service and education, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the direction of the Archbishop, and the leadership of the Priest given to our Parish.**

Chairperson: Charlene Rogalski                      Secretary: Maureen Wild  
Vice-Chair: Dale Pitura

1. Opening Prayer - Father Brian
2. Adoption of Agenda for Annual General Meeting
3. Adoption of February 11, 2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes
4. Annual Meeting:
  - 4.1 Questions from the floor to Parish Council Members
    - a) Liturgy                      Cecile Hebert
    - b) Social Justice              Agnes Parisloff, Faye Helmersen
    - c) Ecumenism                  Marian Grady
    - d) Finance (incl. Bldg/Grds)   Paul Ponak, Dave Helmersen
    - e) Hall/Catering                Wayne Matt
    - f) Deanery Representative      Vacant
    - g) Members at Large            Jamie & Kathy Schneider, Sue Pitura,  
Gary & Tina Bojczuk
    - h) Youth Member at Large      Michael Elliott
    - i) Special Events Committee   Sr. Anna Aulie
    - j) CWL                          Shirley Campbell
    - k) Men's Club                  Wayne Matt
    - l) K of C                         Wayne Matt
    - m) Parish Team
  - 4.2 Other Concerns or comments
  - 4.3 Pastor's Remarks
5. Closing Remarks
6. Motion to Adjourn
7. Closing Prayer

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT DECEMBER 31, 2018

	<i>Budget 2018</i>	<i>Actual 2018</i>	<i>Budget 2019</i>
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Sunday Collection (Envelopes, Loose)	300,000	288,732	300,000
All other revenue (Catering, All Revenue)	<u>59,000</u>	<u>89,119</u>	<u>71,066</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>359,000</b>	<b>377,851</b>	<b>371,066</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Remuneration (Staff Wages, Workshops, Benefits)	215,065	205,342	220,000
Church (Repairs, Supplies)	31,750	22,668	25,000
Hall (Cook, Grocery, Supplies, Repairs)	23,000	25,641	20,000
Rectory (Utilities, Supplies, Taxes)	7,400	9,672	9,500
Office (Supplies, Photocopier, Telephone)	8,200	9,212	9,500
Assessment// Priest Pension	56,000	55,839	56,000
Occupancy (Utilities, Insurance, Security)	44,200	37,058	40,000
Grounds (Maintenance, Garbage Disposal)	<u>5,250</u>	<u>7,844</u>	<u>8,000</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>390,865</b>	<b>373,276</b>	<b>388,000</b>
<b>OPERATION SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-31,865</b>	<b>+4,575</b>	<b>-16,934</b>

**2018 STATISTICS:** Baptisms: 42    Confirmation/First Eucharist: 42    Marriage: 6    Deaths: 24  
RCIA (Adult Baptism/Confirmation): 4    RCIA (Full Communion): 1

### **FINANCE REPORT – 2018 PARISH AGM**

Parish operations in 2018 reflected positive results – much better than budget expectations. The hall/catering budget estimate was \$12,000 (net), however the actual total was \$27,000.

As well, overall expenses were less than projected to enable the near break-even position.

Although the 2018 year ended with a small surplus it is anticipated that a shortfall in operations will be the result in 2019.

The Parish continues to be in a strong financial position and is able to withstand the negative results which occur from time to time.

The Parish will continue to engage an independent party to do a review of its financial accounting – bank reconciliations, payroll, etc. The office is following sound financial practices in the day-to-day operations.

Thank you to Fr. Brian for his guidance & leadership and to the office staff for their dedicated efforts in making Holy Child Parish a Welcoming place.

Parish's Designated Funds for 2018

Name of Fund	Carry over from 2017	+	Amount collected As of Dec. 31/18	-	Amount used in 2018	=	Amount remaining in designated fund <sup>1</sup>
Building Fund	39,451		4,148		0		43,599

Name of Fund	Carry over from 2017	+	Amount collected As of Dec. 31/18	-	Amount used in 2018	=	Amount remaining in designated fund <sup>2</sup>
Families in Need	720		6,235		6,900		55

Designated Funds That Go to Archdiocese for 2018

*(these are paid out at least every second month)*

Name of Fund	Amount collected as of Dec. 31/18
Annual Appeal	31,379
Education of Seminarians	1,193
<b>Total Archdiocese</b>	<b>32,572</b>
Needs of Canadian Church	922
Catholic Missions in Canada	1,170
Share Lent (D & P)	14,584
<b>Total Church in Canada</b>	<b>16,676</b>
Propagation of Faith/Mission	1,223
Needs of Church in Holy Land	2,615
Pope's Pastoral Works	1,210
<b>Total Pope &amp; Holy Land</b>	<b>5,048</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>54,296</b>

<sup>1</sup> Need to remember to keep these separate from ordinary operating (because they are designated funds).

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## EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### **Sacramental Programs:**

The Parish Team assisted by various parishioners organize information evenings for those preparing for the sacraments of **Baptism, Confirmation/First Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Marriage Preparation**. Sacramental preparation for children is centered in the home with support from the parish and the Separate Schools.

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is a process where those interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church gather with members of the faith community to prepare for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This is a time for spiritual growth and reflection on our call to a life of ministry and service in Christ. The whole parish community is instrumental in welcoming and initiating new members.

### **Spiritual Formation:**

**Growing Faith:** A group meets weekly on Wednesday morning, using the Growing Faith Series as well as other special reflection materials.

**Bible Study Programs,** a group meets weekly to study the scriptures readings, "Sunday by Sunday".

**Parish Home Ministry** assist the sick, dying and grieving members of the Parish. People are visited by trained volunteers who share the presence of Jesus with those in need by their compassion, friendship and often the gift of the Eucharist. This ministry of care is also extended to the Wascana, General, and Pasqua Hospitals, Santa Maria and personal care homes. If you, or someone you know, would like a visit from a Parish Home Minister, please call the office 306-789-8276 to make arrangements.

**Advent, Lent & Easter:** During Advent and Lent prayer materials, bulletin inserts and reflection times appropriate to the season are made available. The Way of the Cross is prayed weekly during Lent. Other opportunities are offered during the year including reflections on the Sunday readings and seasonal reflection sessions throughout the year.

**Prayer Calendar:** On a monthly basis, a small group of parishioners gather to prepare prayer intentions for each month=s prayer calendar. They keep in mind personal, community and global needs and events, and then develop them into general community prayers. It is available at the beginning of each month in the bulletin.

**Parish Library:** The parish library is located in the Kubash Room. Parishioners are welcome to browse and borrow books/tapes during office hours or before and after Mass. We encourage all to make use of our library resources for personal and family spiritual and educational growth. We also have some videos to borrow.

**Archdiocesan Lay Ministry Formation:** Members of the parish are invited to participate in this program which is designed to build up interest in learning and loving your faith and ministry. Over twenty members of the parish have completed this three-year monthly program with the support of the pastoral council. Contact the parish office if you are interested in the wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith.

## **LITURGY**

The task of the liturgy committee is to work with the parish team to help plan and prepare the Sunday liturgies as well as seasonal liturgies that are held at our parish.

The liturgy committee includes 8 members that take on the task of training and scheduling their particular ministry. We need approximately 60-70 people (not including music ministry) each weekend to help at the three liturgies so the more volunteers we have, the easier it is for everyone.

A challenge for our parish is making sure all of the ministries are filled for each celebration. If you feel like you could contribute to the life of the parish by helping out in any of the ministries, please contact the parish office and your name will be passed on to the liturgy committee.

**WITHOUT YOU - THERE IS NO LITURGY!**

### **REGINA DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

The mandate of the Regina Deanery Pastoral Council (RDPC) is to serve as a liaison between our respective parish councils and the Archbishop by way of the Archdiocesan Parish Council.

The RDPC meets monthly at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Representatives share information about parish activities and programs that are of benefit to all as well as concerns that are relevant to the various parish communities.

The RDPC also organizes activities, workshops and Archdiocesan gatherings. A schedule of the services held during the Easter Triduum was published in the Leader Post.

*This appointed position is currently vacant.*

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

One of the priorities of the Archbishop of Regina is “growing in faithful and responsible stewardship”. It is the desire of the Archdiocese of Regina for each parish to have a Stewardship Committee. The purpose and membership of the committee are as follows:

### Purpose:

To create awareness in all parishioners that:

1. everything we have comes from God: our life, our talents, our abilities, our intellectual gifts and our holiness.
2. these things as gifts, entrusted to us by God, are given in order that “all may see the good that we do and give glory to God” (Matthew 5:16) and bear fruit for God.
3. we receive the gifts of God, to look after them wisely, to share them in justice and love and to show a return to God on them.

### Membership:

1. Anyone registered in the parish.
2. The chairperson is elected from within the committee
3. The chairperson, or another person elected by the committee, is a member of the Pastoral Council.

The focus this year was on welcoming beyond the parish, outreach to those in need of support and encouragement in the city; especially women and their children in need of safety from domestic violence. On October 28<sup>th</sup>, Kelly Banga from the domestic violence unit of Family Services, Regina gave a very informative presentation in the parish hall.

This committee strove to act upon our obligation to share our time, talents and treasures with others, and encourage others to do so as well, to make our parish a welcoming community.

At this time, the Stewardship Committee is no longer functioning.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

ATruly I tell you, just as you did it to these who are members of my family, you did it unto me@.

Matthew 25:40

## **Our Goals/Purpose:**

- education of the parish community about social justice issues;
- identify and assist local groups promoting Social Justice for those struggling to maintain human dignity;
- annually support one or two internationally accredited projects, which promote peace and justice.

Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We currently have 10 members and new members are always welcome.

We continue to inform and educate parishioners through the Parish Bulletin on human rights issues and events in which we are involved.

Food Basket donations are collected monthly for the Marian Centre; Chili for Children; Visitation House; Carmichael Outreach and Transition House.

We continue to accept eye glasses for overseas.

The Giving Tree Project brightens the lives of many people at Christmas due to the generosity of our parishioners.

Members of our group attended D&P workshops, Regional Meetings & Regional Assembly in Wolseley; Community Connections Meetings where the cultures of our community were showcased at a celebration held March 11, 2018; meetings on homelessness in Regina & events associated with Formation for Indigenous Relations & Ministry and liturgies for Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse.

Financial donations were made to our Chalice Sponsored Child; Holy Child, "Families in Need" Fund, Carmichael; Sophia House; Wheelchair Foundation; Indigenous Christian Fellowship Centre.

Patrick Bitaruke's family are doing very well, working, completing schooling. They are now on their own as the one-year sponsorship ended in October. Patrick also became a Canadian citizen.

Our small fundraisers of a book sale, raffle, DECA garage sale & bread baking were also very successful.

So once again our sincere THANK YOU to our Holy Child Parish family; Fr. Brian; the office staff; and the Social Justice Committee Members. We could never accomplish what we do without the combined efforts of everyone.

May God Bless All Of You. *Co-Chairpersons, Agnes Parisloff & Faye Helmerson*

AThose who shut their ears to the cry of the poor will themselves also cry and not be heard.@

Proverbs 21:13



# CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

## **Mission Statement**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

## **What is the CWL?**

It is the largest national organization of women in Canada and has been around since the 1920's and has met annually with all levels of government since the 1970's.

## **Who are we?**

We recognize and celebrate healthy family life.

We promote the teachings of the Catholic Church

We uphold and defend Christian education and values

We seek to uphold the dignity of all human beings.

## **What do we do?**

Provide spiritual development through: mission assistance, prayer opportunities, participating in lay ministries and studying Catholic teachings

Administer CWL operations: recruit members, provide leadership development

Support ongoing education/health initiatives with resources, and awareness

Communicate our positions and initiatives through the CWL magazine, media, newsletters, bulletin inserts and letter writing campaigns

Lobby for improvements to Community Life with resolutions: preparation and research of issues, presentation of positions to governments at the local, provincial and national levels, monitor legislation changes.

We help with church activities, mass, bazaar, bake sales, social justice and volunteer at Marian Centre, Visitation House, Wascana Rehabilitation and other CWL initiatives.

## **Why do women join?**

For personal and spiritual growth

Friendship and fun

Opportunities to fulfill Christian missions in my community

Meet other women of faith and pray together

Financial support towards CWL charities

Provide friendship and caring to others

## **Different ways to be involved:**

**Be an active member** (pay your membership fee, attend meetings, serve on committees)

**Partially active** (pay membership fee, willing to help when available, have limited time to offer)

Holy Child CWL meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. We invite you to drop in on any meeting to meet new people and participate in the activity of the evening.

## **MEN'S CLUB**

The Holy Child Men's Club is a group of parish men that meet once a month to foster fellowship and support our Pastor and Parish for the progress and the well being of the church.

Our meeting consists of 30 minutes of business and finishes up with games and fellowship. The business portion is very important to help organize our activities, and field the many requests for sponsorships and donations. We meet the third Sunday of the month and always welcome new members.

Highlights of the past year include:

- \* Assist the parishioners as requested by the pastor
- \* Parish Breakfasts January and March
- \* Financial support for Sr. Anna & the children's choir, as requested
- \* Grey Cup Raffle
- \* Joint Christmas potluck supper and a June BBQ with the C.W.L.
- \* Provide assistance to St. Theresa and St. Catherine elementary schools



# ARCHBISHOP O'NEILL COUNCIL # 8896

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Archbishop O'Neill Council of the Knights of Columbus (Chartered May 08, 1985) is a Catholic family service organization-centered in Holy Child Parish. The Council has approximately 118 members who support a variety of causes through their fund raising and programs.

Archbishop O'Neill Knights of Columbus conducts a number of activities within the Parish and Community. These activities include:

- Church Programs
  - Ushers & hospitality, Cup and Bread ministry, collection, reading at Masses
  - Providing workers for bartending, catering and maintenance of grounds and buildings
  - Pro-Life events – March for Life, yearly membership, annual banquet fundraiser
  - Parish Council representation
  
- Youth Programs
  - Sponsorship of Youth Parliament
  - Support for Camp Monahan – fundraisers and volunteering for grounds maintenance
  - Coats for Kids/Adults program – purchase &/or collection of clothing for distribution
  - Columbus Park – a main minor baseball facility in the city of Regina
  
- Family Programs
  - Rosary program
  - Parish brunches
  
- Community Programs
  - Salvation Army annual Kettle campaign - Army Christmas Cheer program
  - Publishing Mass times and locations in the yellow-pages
  - Sponsor a resident's bingo at the Santa Maria Nursing Home
  - Support Special Olympics with organizing and coaching sporting events
  - Helping with mass at the Wascana Hospital by providing porters, Eucharist ministers and readers
  - Clothing gathered and delivered for use by patrons at Marian Centre (& others)
  - Support annual Glencairn carnival – neighborhood celebration
  
- Council Programs
  - Dinner meetings
  - Visiting the sick & bereaved
  - Honour guard for funerals of members
  - Participate in State and District events/activities
  - Support Canadian Blood Services with donations
  - Chapter football pool program

Financial support is provided to variety of organizations that are aligned with our faith teachings such as Pro-Life, Birthright, Camp Monahan, Regina Food Bank, Sophia House, Alpha, Marian Centre, Catholic Health Association, Special Olympics, K of C Indoor Games and Holy Child Parish.

For more information, please logon to the following websites - [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) or [www.kofcsask.com](http://www.kofcsask.com)  
Online membership is a new option & encouraged..... [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)

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**Annual General Meeting  
Sunday, March 3, 2019  
Pastor's Remarks  
Fr. Brian Meredith**

This past year, Holy Child Pastoral Council has been focusing on the theme of "Welcome".

As members of the Body of Christ, we all participate in the action of welcoming in a variety of ways. Some do it by formally greeting others. Some do it by participating in ministries, in activities, or in events in the parish. Some do it through their smiles and gestures of humility and kindness. Some do it by taking the time to speak and listen to others. Some welcome others by inviting people to their home or to an activity as friends. And some do it by sharing the gift of their culture (including their food and their ways of doing things) which enriches the community and brings great joy to the Body of Christ.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make Holy Child Parish a welcoming community. Your caring and compassionate spirit is vital to the life of the parish and enables Holy Child Parish to be a home for all of us.

Lastly, thank you to the parish staff, to the people on the various committees, to everyone involved in the various ministries and parish groups, to those in the Catholic Schools, and to all members of the parish for your prayers and support.

May the Holy Spirit bless you and your families with peace and joy in 2019.

# HOLY CHILD ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

In attendance: Fr. Brian Meredith, Seminarian Ricardo Escalante, Lynda Putzlocher (Chairperson), Faye Helmerson, David Helmerson, Cec Hebert, Harvey Fahlman, Dianne Poitras, Kathy Schneider (Secretary), Marian Grady, Sr. Anna Aulie, Eleanor Selinger, Wayne Matt

1. Opening Prayer – The meeting began at 12:20 pm with opening prayer led by Fr. Brian.
2. Adoption of Agenda for Annual General Meeting – Moved by Harvey Fahlman and second by Dave Helmerson that the Agenda be accepted as presented.
3. Adoption of February 12, 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes – Moved by Cec Hebert and second by Dianne Poitras that the Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented. Carried.
4. Annual Meeting
  - 4.1 – Question from the floor to Parish Council Members
    - Cec Hebert brought forward from the Liturgy Meeting a discussion in regards to the number of Masses for Christmas Eve. Due to the lack of attendance at the Midnight Mass last year, it was suggested to maybe only have two masses Christmas Eve, one at 7 pm and another at 10 pm, as well as keeping Morning Mass, Christmas Day. Questions were raised about tradition of Midnight Mass. Also, do we have enough help for the Celebration at Midnight for the mass to be a success? Cec will revisit the issue at the next Liturgy Meeting with more discussion.
  - 4.2 – There were no nominations this year. Charlene Rogalski let her name stand for Chairperson, and Dale Pitura as Vice Chair. Tina and Gary Bojczuk will sit as a joint Member at Large. Cec Hebert moved nominations closed, seconded by Eleanor Selinger.
  - 4.3 – Other Comments or Concerns
    - Lynda Putzlocher thanked everyone for attending the meeting. As finishing her role as chairperson, she wanted to thank the Committee and Church staff, including Fr. Dan and Fr. Brian for their cooperation in helping make her job easier.
    - Lynda thanked everyone for the great memories, and would like the parish to continue to be a welcoming one. She also thanked the many volunteers and parishioners for coming together in many ways, helping with the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, helping office staff as Gail has been away, and sitting on various committees. What a great Parish Team Spirit! She also thanked Fr. Brian for his pastoral care, compassion for our parish, and his leadership.

#### 4.4 – Pastor’s Remarks

Fr. Brian thanked Lynda for all her devoted time and commitment to the Church. He expressed his gratitude for the long-time members of the Parish; it shows what a great parish Holy Child is. Fr. Brian talked about the solid foundation Holy Child has on the financial side. Due to the stable attendance in the Church and good reserve fund, long term we are in good shape!

5. Closing Remarks – Lynda Putzlocher thanked everyone for attending and taking part in the Annual General Meeting.
6. Motion to Adjourn – moved by Faye Helmersen, carried.
7. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brian led a closing prayer at 1:10 pm.